

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance held at 7:00 P.M., on Wednesday, November 19, 2008.

Members Present: First Selectman McCarty, Mr. Doheny, Mr. Volain, Mr. Hallahan, Mr. Piccirillo, Ms. Brown, Mr. Monico

Also Present: Assistant Director of Finance Edward J. Swinkoski

The following materials were either mailed to the members or distributed at this time.

1. Agenda – November 13, 2008
2. Minutes of Regular Meeting held on October 15, 2008
3. October 31, 2008
  - Report of Budget/Special Funds
  - Report of Revenue
  - Board of Education Accounting
4. Memo dated November 3, 2008, Supplemental Appropriation – DPW
5. Memo dated November 13, 2008, Heart and Hypertension Settlements – Special Revenue Fund
6. Draft Resolution, \$20,000 for PW Replacement Vehicles
7. Current Tax Collections Worksheet
8. Town of North Haven Fire Department Pension Plan as of July 1, 2008
9. Town of North Haven Police Department Pension Plan as of July 1, 2008

#### MINUTES

After a brief discussion of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 15, 2008, Mr. Piccirillo moved their acceptance, seconded by First Selectman McCarty.

VOTE:	Doheny - Yes	Volain - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Brown - Yes	Piccirillo - Yes	Monico - Yes
	McCarty - Yes		

#### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Volain welcomed Thomas J. Morrison, the Town's new Director of Finance/Administration to the Board of Finance.

Mr. Doheny asked for an update on the current CRRA negotiations. First Selectman McCarty said that they are still working on an acceptable agreement. The duration of the contract is of primary concern. CRRA wants a 20 year commitment and the Town wants a shorter time period. The Town's contract with CRRA expires on July 30, 2010. Further discussion followed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### REPORT OF BUDGET/SPECIAL FUNDS, REVENUE AND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCOUNTING OCTOBER 31, 2008

Mr. Swinkoski referred to these reports stating that tax collections at the end of October were 54.3%. Further discussion followed. These reports were accepted as presented.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - \$20,000

Mr. Volain stated that the Public Works Department is requesting an appropriation of about \$20,000 for two used trucks. Mr. Monico asked what the year and make of the vehicles were. First Selectman McCarty was not sure but indicated that the cost of the replacement vehicles would be under \$20,000.

Mr. Monico requested that in the future more information be provided to the Board.

Mr. Piccirillo then moved the following:

RESOLVED, that an amount not to exceed \$20,000. be and it is hereby appropriated for the purpose of purchasing two (2) replacement vehicles for the Department of Public Works; and, that the cost of same be defrayed by the expenditure of a portion of the current years' revenues

Seconded by, Mr. Hallahan.

VOTE:	Doheny - Yes	Volain - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Brown - Yes	Piccirillo - Yes	Monico - Yes
	McCarty – Yes		

OTHER

First Selectman McCarty announced that the Town has received a \$25,000 grant for audiovisual improvements for the Community Room at the library. Mr. Walter Mann and Mr. Bill Bennett are working on ordering and installing the equipment. Once the equipment is in place, the Board of Finance meetings will be held at the Community Room.

Mr. Monico asked about the status of the Department Head salary survey. First Selectman McCarty said that the survey has been completed and meetings with Department Heads will take place next week. The cost of the survey was \$5,000.

Mr. Doheny asked if the Board will be asked for additional funding requests. First Selectman McCarty said there will be no additional funding requests.

Mr. Monico requested copies of the salary survey for all Board members.

Mr. Monico asked about raises that were given to certain individuals in Public Works. First Selectman McCarty explained that it was a very complicated situation and she was not prepared to discuss it at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Doheny asked why Public Works received pay raises without a salary survey. He stated that these individuals are in a union and should have gone through their union representative. He wanted to know why just certain individuals received a pay raise and not others.

First Selectman McCarty said she would get the information to the Board members before the next meeting so that they could discuss it further.

Mr. Doheny asked Mr. Swinkoski about the CAFR. Mr. Swinkoski said that it was moving along and it would be completed mid to late December.

Mr. Doheny asked about the Police Union contract. First Selectman McCarty said that the contract has been signed. It is a four year contract with a 3.5% pay raise each year. Their health care contribution has been increased to 6%. If a police officer chooses not to take the Town's health care plan, he/she will receive an additional \$3,500 each year.

Mr. Doheny requested a copy of the contract for all Board members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion followed for approximately 15 minutes with several residents asking questions and making recommendations/suggestions.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Volain moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM, seconded by Mr. Piccirillo.

VOTE:	Doheny - Yes	Volain - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Brown - Yes	Piccirillo - Yes	Monico - Yes
	McCarty - Yes		